

## Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, August 29, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, August 29, 1844.

Private.

My dear sir, The great, great Mass meeting of the democracy first, and then the Whiggs has been held. The democratic mass meeting ended much to the honor and increase of the democratic cause—The whigg to 0341 317 their discredit, and decrease of Whiggery in Tennessee. I think I may safely say that it has added at the least to the democratic gain of one thousand votes. The whiggs, as usual to deceve, invited all from far, and near, to come, ample provisions would be made for forty thousand etc. etc. The whiggs assembled, and lo and behold, there was not supplies for five thousand. They soon began to abandon the field, many called upon me complaining bitterly that they were starved at the ground, did not get a mouthful to eat, and some returning home with large Polk stalks in their waggon, but for further information I have to refer you to the N. Union.

I am just informed that Mr. Tyler will withdraw from the canvass for the Presidency. Indeed I have just received from him a letter to that effect, in which he thus declares himself, but in which he complains of you and Benton. His withdrawal will ensure the triumphant election of Polk and Dallas, and the reannexation of Texas, if the democratic presses, withhold from abusing Tyler and those democrats that has supported him, but hail them as brothers. In ohio we want this aid to carry that state, for there Mr. Tyler has many friends, many in favour of reannexing Texas forthwith, and permit me to assure you, that both Allen,

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and Tapan, 1 has lost ground by their vote against the Treaty. I have seen the deligation from the states of ohio, Indiana, Illanoise, and Missouri, and I can assure you that our mutual friend Col. Benton has lost the confidence of the democracy in all those states. The delagation from Illanoise said to me that he had done the democracy great injury, that his speeches had been by thousands spread over the states by the Whiggs to the great injury of the democratic cause, that he never could again reinstate himself in their confidence. I fear he has forever destroyed himself with the democracy. I hope he may be again elected to the senate, and by his future course once more reinstate himself in the confidence of the democracy, should he fail to be elected to the senate he will be politically lost forever.

1 William Allen and Benjamin Tappan, senators from Ohio.

Your real friends in the western District of Tennessee complain of your publishing Benton speeches and not publishing Buchannans in due time on the Texan Treaty, and was about to have a meeting to withdraw from your paper, but I stated facts fairly to them, and it appeared to satisfy them, and now as Tyler has withdrawn, as I was assured he would, as your friend and a friend to the usefulness of the Globe in the great republican cause, I pray you to desist from the abuse of Tyler or his supporters, but treat them as brethren in democracy and hail them welcome to the support of the great democratic cause to aid in the defeat of Clay and whigery. I do not mean to advise you, that if Mr. Tyler recommend measures injurious to the great republican and Jeffersonian Doctrine that you should not cry out and spare not, but on his withdrawal from the canvass your paper should approve the patriotism of the act and hail welcome to the democratic ranks, as brothers, all his 0342 318 adherents who unites with us in putting down that unprincipled man Clay.

My dear friend, I am greatly afflicted and worn down with cough and shortness of breath, but I cannot close without stating to you that we had our mutual friend Col. T. Marshall with us. 2 he made two splendid speeches, that even the whiggs eulogised, they have done much good to our cause. he has taken the field against Clay, will canvass the whole state

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of Ky. and if his health holds out to perform this labour, Clay loses Ky. next november—  
mark this.

2 Probably Thomas F. Marshall of Kentucky, nephew of Chief Justice Marshall, M.C.  
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Much injury to farms has been committed by the late extraordinary freshets on the  
Mississippi. we have not yet heard from our farm, what injury is done, we hope for the  
better, but fear we with all others have received injury. All my Household unite with me in  
kindest good wishes. They went to Nashville to hear Col. Marshall, and all were delighted  
with his speech. he portrayed Bell, webster, and clay in their true colours. yr friend